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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Stella L. Woo

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Period for Reply

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-32 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-17, 19-22, 24-27, 29-32 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Jewell et al. (US 7,075,564 B1, hereinafter "Jewell")

Regarding claims 1, 5-6, 9-11, 14-16, 19-21, 24-26, 29-32, Jewell discloses a multimedia communication system comprising:

a host computer (controller can be a personal computer; col. 5, lines 18-22); and
a unit external to said host computer (video conferencing interface can be configured as a PC peripheral; col. 5, lines 18-21; col. 6, lines 11-14) and connected to said host computer via an external bus (high speed serial interface circuit 46 can be a USB port; col. 5, lines 26-29), said unit configured to capture a video stream from a video input device (video input means 11; col. 4, lines 3-28), to convert said captured video stream according to a predetermined standard (video decoder module 54 converts analog NTSC or PAL signals to digital video signals 26; col. 4, lines 19-24), and to send said converted video stream to said host computer via said external bus (col. 5, lines 10-13),

wherein said host computer is configured to display content of said converted video stream on a local video output device (computer monitor; col. 5, lines 10-13) and

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substantially concurrently to send said content of said converted video stream for a remote display (via processor 35 including modem 22; col. 4, lines 39-52).

Regarding claims 2-4, 9, 14, 19, 24, 29-32, video can be output to a computer monitor (col. 5, lines 10-13) and the system uses a hybrid approach including a fixed hardware and fixed software solution (col. 2, lines 17-33).

Regarding claim 7, 12, 17, 22, 27, note use of H.263 video compression/decompression standard (col. 3, lines 11-52).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. Claims 8, 13, 18, 23, 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jewell in view of Clapp et al. (US 5,802,281, hereinafter "Clapp").

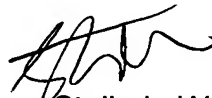
Jewell differs from claims 8, 13, 18, 23, 28 in that it does not specify the communication network as being one of an IP network, an Ethernet network or an ISDN line. However, Jewell does teach communication over a telephone line and suggests using an equivalent (col. 3, lines 32-35) and Clapp, from the same field of endeavor, teaches the well known use of an ISDN as an alternative to the convention analog POTS (col. 5, lines 60-64) such that it would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill to incorporate connection with an ISDN line, as taught by Clapp, within the communication system of Jewell as an alternative to the telephone line.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stella L. Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-7512. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Curtis Kuntz can be reached on (571) 272-7499. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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